



Australian Government

Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

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Dear Mr Lane

Algae biofuel trials in marine engines

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) is the principle adviser to the Commonwealth Government on the conservation, care and utilisation of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The Australian Government, through the GBRMPA is implementing the *Great Barrier Reef Climate Change Action Plan 2007-2012* (Action Plan). The Action Plan outlines a coordinated response to the threat of climate change for the Great Barrier Reef. One of the objectives of the Action Plan is to assist Great Barrier Reef dependant industries to reduce their climate footprint.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority supports best practice climate change mitigation actions for the maritime industry conducting business in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The Funnel project and trialling of algae biofuels in marine engines proposed by Mr Lane is an innovative proposal that may assist the maritime industry in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We are interested in learning more about this initiative and following its progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McGinnity'.

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Peter McGinnity
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